

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION
CASE NO. 5:22-CV-019-KDB-DCK**

KENNETH SCOTT,

Plaintiff,

v.

**ABOVE AND BEYOND RETAIL SERVICES, INC.,
and ROBERT C. ABSHER**

Defendants.

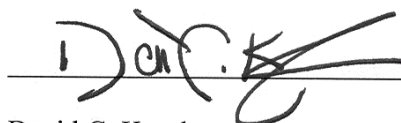
ORDER

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on the parties' "Joint Motion To Stay The Case" (Document No. 25) filed August 18, 2022. This motion has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and immediate review is appropriate. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, and in consultation with Judge Bell's chambers, the undersigned will deny the motion.

The undersigned notes that the Court initially allowed a stay of this case on April 26, 2022, and has since allowed two (2) extensions of that stay. See (Document Nos. 9, 20, 22). The Court's last Order noted that "[f]urther extensions will not be allowed." (Document No. 22, p. 1). The Court also advised that "[o]f course, if the parties cannot finalize a settlement by this deadline, they may continue their discussions, but must also promptly move forward with this litigation." (Document No. 22, p. 2).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the parties' "Joint Motion To Stay The Case" (Document No. 25) is **DENIED**.

Signed: August 18, 2022



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

